

Application No.: 10/823,706Docket No.: 2336-263**REMARKS**

The Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter of claim 7 is noted with appreciation.

Claims 2-3 and 5-11 are pending in the application. Allowable claim 7 has been rewritten in independent form including all limitations of base claim 1. Claim 7 has been further amended to include limitations of claim 4 and to improve claim language. Claims 2-3, 5-6 and 8-11 have been also amended to depend from claim 7 and/or better define the claimed invention. Claims 1 and 4 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. The Abstract has been revised to be compliant with commonly accepted US patent practice. No new matter has been introduced through the foregoing amendments.

The rejections of claims 1-6 and 8-11 are either moot or believed overcome in view of the above amendments. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that all claims are now in condition for allowance. Early and favorable indication of allowance is courteously solicited.


The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned, Applicant's attorney of record, to facilitate advancement of the present application.

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To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 07-1337 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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